

Comparing the 2005 BRAC Criteria to Previous Criteria

2005 Criteria	Previous Criteria*	Change
The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.	The current and future mission requirements and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force.	Replaces "requirements" with "capabilities". Emphasizes the importance of jointness.
The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.	The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace at both existing and potential receiving locations.	Explicit recognition of the need for staging areas for homeland defense missions. Explicit recognition of training areas as an important criterion and greater detail on the need for diversity in training areas.
The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.	The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations.	Clarifies need for future options for both operations and training.
The cost of operations and manpower implications.	The cost and manpower implications.	Sharpens the distinction between the cost of operations and manpower implications.
The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.	The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.	No change.
The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military	The economic impact on communities.	Narrows the definition of economic impact.

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The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel.	The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel.	No change.
The environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.	The environmental impact.	Explicit recognition of the costs of environmental cleanup activities.

**This criteria was identical for the 1991, 1993, and 1995 BRAC rounds.*